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DEEP SNOW COVERS THE COKE REGION; TRAFFIC HAMPERED

More Than Six-Inch Fall Makes Real Winter Here.

TRAINS AND CARS ARE DELAYED

Constant Vigilance and All-Night Battle Against the Snow Prevent Serious Rail Troubles and Schools are Fairly Well Maintained.

Beginning with a slight fall about noon yesterday, the second greatest snowstorm of the winter developed throughout last night and this morning, and at noon flakes were still descending, though in not such an abundance as during the night. The fall in town did not amount to more than six inches, though it was much greater in the country districts according to reports.

Local folks report that snow is a foot deep there, and Perryopolis reports eight inches. Railroad men state that in the mountains east of here a foot would be a conservative estimate, and the piles of snow on coal cars seem to bear out the statement. The fall in temperature accompanied the fall.

The first snow that fell yesterday was almost half in the discomfort of those who were out, and did not collect, while as previous snows did. Little trouble was experienced by the telephone and telegraph lines. The fact that there was comparatively little wind also helped.

Determined not to be taken unawares, Superintendent of Transportation M. A. Coffey of the West Penn had his sweepers out early last night, and crews of men were sent out with shovels to keep the switches clear, and otherwise aid in keeping traffic moving. Cars ran a trifle late during the early part of the evening and this morning cars coming south were delayed, but comparatively little trouble was experienced. Mr. Coffey was on the job all night, the snow being so light that he feared drifts might cause trouble if the wind became heavy.

Railroad traffic was held up to some extent, but nothing like the trouble caused by the November storm was experienced. The Baltimore & Ohio eastbound trains this morning were from 15 minutes to over a half hour late. No. 1 was almost 15 minutes behind time.

The weather forecast calls for more snow and much colder temperature, though not fair weather on Sunday.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The southern part of the country in the grip of the big storm of the year which reached blizzard proportions in some districts. Railroad traffic was delayed and street railway services in cities were much hampered.

Off the southern New England coast a mile-a-minute gale was blowing, greatly endangering shipping. Several vessels were reported in distress along the coast from Cape Henry, Virginia, northward.

The intense cold in New England and the Middle Atlantic states moderated somewhat with the coming of the snow to the southward where the snow had ceased falling the temperature was very low.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 14.—Eleven hundred men and 400 teams were put to work from dawn clearing Pittsburgh's streets of the eight inches of snow that fell last night and this morning. The business and streets on which horses are used and streets to be used by undertakers today and tomorrow, were first attacked under the orders of Robert Swan, director of the works.

A special appropriation for relief of the poor made yesterday by council was available today.

FOUR DIVORCES GRANTED.

Judge Van Swearingen Hands Decrees in Matrimonial Mixups. Special to the Courier.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 14.—Mary Lorraine of Star Junction was granted a divorce from her husband, John Lorraine, on the grounds of desertion. Mary Melegos was divorced from John Melegos because of cruel and barbarous treatment at their home at Union.

Sidie Field was given a divorce from John Field because of infidelity alleged to have been committed at Union. Joseph Dunn of Uniontown was awarded a divorce from his wife, Anna Dunn, on the grounds of adultery. The divorces were granted by Judge Van in Swearingen.

JAPAN MAINTAINS ORDER.

Police Guard Parliament; Editors Arrested.

By Associated Press.

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VIGILANCE COMMITTEE LOCKS MAN IN ENGINE'S TOOL BOX

Friends are Now Trying to Locate Victim, Who Was Also Whipped For Improper Conduct.

By Associated Press.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 14.—Friends of Jerry Malone, a railway employee, said to have been sent out of Springfield locked in the tool box of a locomotive after committing of his father had horsewhipped him for improper conduct, are still searching for him today. The police said that no action would be taken until definite information concerning his whereabouts could be gathered.

Members of the vigilance committee told the police yesterday that Malone while out of work had been provided with meals by the wife of a fellow employee in the St. Louis & San Francisco shops. They said they put him in a locomotive tool box Thursday night. "We did not injure him seriously and he will probably be heard from soon," said one member of the committee. "While we were waiting for the engine we took him into a store and built a fire to keep him warm. The tool box was also nice and warm."

WOMAN SCORES POINTS

Evidence in Vanover Will Suit Favors Mrs. Groner.

Special to the Courier.

SOMERSET, Feb. 12.—The evidence heard before Register of Will, Bert Lamm, in the case over the will of Charles Vanover today favored Mrs. Agnes Groner, the daughter whose share of the estate is opposed by the others of the family. Starting charges were made by Dr. A. J. Bardsley that he believed drugs had been substituted for the medicine he had prescribed for Vanover before the aged man had been brought to Somerset and taken care of by Mrs. Groner.

Anne Faith, a nurse, and Dr. Fred Shaffer testified they believed Vanover to be of sound mind. They also said he referred to five children, as showing that he intended to recognize Mrs. Groner's claim.

Abram Trexel of Jenner township testified that Vanover, two months prior to his death, asked him to act as executor of his estate, and outlined the provisions of the will. Trexel declared that the document was along the lines Vanover had indicated it would be.

GRANTS NEW TRIAL

Court Interested for Foreigner Who Was Deceived by Friend.

Special to the Courier.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 14.—Judge Van Swearingen granted a new trial to Mike Canto, convicted at the last term of criminal court of robbery, and sentenced to two years in the Allegheny workhouse. After the conviction and sentence of the defendant it was made to appear to the court that after the defendant had been arrested and committed to jail he gave some money to one of his countrymen with whom he subpoenaed certain witnesses on whose testimony he relied to show that he was not in the neighborhood of where the alleged robbery occurred at the time it is said to have been committed, and with which also to employ counsel for the defendant. He claimed that the friend kept the money, with the result that when the case was called for trial the defendant had neither witness or counsel.

The court appointed counsel to defend the prisoner, but the defendant being an Italian could not explain his case fully to the attorney and without his witnesses he was convicted.

OFFICE IS AT STAKE

Monahan Gets Court To Help Constable's Job.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 14.—Constable Mathew Monahan of the First ward, Connellsville, was made defendant in suit to show cause why he should not be ousted from that office, handed down by Judge Van Swearingen today. Constable J. W. Mitchell had the rule issued, claiming Monahan to be a usurper.

Mitchell contends that an act passed June 11, 1911, extended his term until the first Monday in December, 1915. Monahan insists that no constable held over when Connellsville became a city last year, and that Monahan hasn't a job any more. The matter will come before the March term of court for a decision.

AIDS NATIONAL GUARD.

Postmaster General Arranges to Let Clerks Do Military Duty.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Postmaster General Burleson today issued an order granting leave of absence, without pay, in addition to the leave of absence granted with pay allowed by law, to postal employees who are members of the National Guard when called up to do military duty.

The department believes, said the postmaster, "that the National Guard should be encouraged in every way, and that it is feasible that postmasters may arrange leaves of absence for military duty without detriment to the service."

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Alice Townsend, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Townsend of near Ettington, is in a serious condition as the result of burns suffered when her dress caught fire from an open cigarette butt. Being practically bound from his home before the flames were extinguished.

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EIGHT PAGES.

SCOTTDALE WATER COMPANY LOSES ITS FIGHT FOR STREAM

Judge J. Q. VanSwearingen Awards Permanent Injunction in Buttskin.

EMINENT DOMAIN RIGHT DENIED

Court Holds That Company Must Continue Activities in the Territory for Which It Was Originally Incorporated to Serve and Can't Exploit.

Special to the Courier.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 14.—An important decision was filed by Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen in court this morning in the case of Ade E. Miller and Jewel M. Miller of Buttskin township against the Citizens Water Company of Scottsdale. The decision deals with the right and duties of water companies in the supply of water to the public and the right of eminent domain of water companies for that purpose.

The opinion of the court cites the law requiring water companies to the time of their incorporation to designate the municipalities in which they intend to carry on their business and therefore they are not allowed to supply water to the public in any other district than that designated.

Van Swearingen holds that a water company, incorporated for the purpose of supplying water to the public, shall not abandon the territory in which it was originally incorporated to do business and supply water to other districts and cannot supply water to both the original district and other territory too, but is confined to the single territorial division in which it was incorporated.

He holds also that a water company has no right of eminent domain for any purpose other than to enable it to supply water in the single territory of its location. In the case decided the company was incorporated for the purpose of supplying water to the borough of Scottsdale, but attempted to appropriate the water of certain streams in the mountain above Scottsdale for the purpose of supplying both Scottsdale and the townships surrounding the borough.

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AFTER EMBEZZLER.

Constable Goss to Layton for a Man Accused by Woman.

Hearing a warrant for the arrest of Tony Foron on a charge of embezzlement, Constable J. W. Mitchell went to Layton this afternoon to bring back his man for a hearing before Alderman Munk tonight.

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EUGENIE OVERWORKED.

Seaford Anatomy Experts Says Five Feet Man Is Impossible.

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—Dr. A. W. Meyer, head of the department of anatomy in the Stanford medical school of the Stanford University, is on record today as saying that eugenics would never make a perfect man or a perfect woman.

"Nature's laws in the making of man and woman are immutable," he said, "and breeding methods cannot be applied to the human race."

WANT BIDS FOR STEPS.

Commissioners to Let Contracts for Brownsville Approaches.

At a joint meeting of the county commissioners of Fayette and Washington counties in Pittsburgh, arrangements were made for the erection of steps to the Brownsville bridge, which is now in course of construction.

County controllers of both counties will advertise for bids, and a contract will be awarded at a joint session of the commissioners. The steps, it is estimated, will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,200.

WRECK ON BRANCH.

Traffic on S. & C. Is Tied Up for Several Hours.

The Somersett & Cambria branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was tied up yesterday for several hours when a rear-end collision between two freight trains occurred at Shadrock, a dozen coal cars being demolished and a locomotive wrecked.

The trains were running in the same direction when the second train rounded a curve and crashed into another.

Hurt by Fall.

Mrs. Joseph Dixon of East Main street slipped on the icy pavement just night and in falling fractured her left wrist. She was admitted to the South Side Private Hospital and left this morning after having the fracture reduced.

Examining Candidates.

An examination for rural mail carriers out of Dawson and Vanderhill is being held in the postoffice building today by Miss Peirce Robinson of the postoffice force. Eight candidates are taking the test.

TROTTER MAN FINED.

Charged with being drunk and fighting, Fred Tilkey of Trotter was arraigned before the mayor last night and sentenced to pay a fine of \$5. John Gillies, who was arrested at the same time was discharged.

The Young river dropped from 1.30 feet during the night.

Patrons Day in April.

Patrons Day will be observed in Connellsville about the middle of April, according to Superintendent S. Ashe. The county schools observed it yesterday.

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COMMON DRUNKS NOT TO BE PINCHED, MAYOR'S ORDER

Let Them Alone So Long as They are Not Worrying Anyone, He Tells His Cops.

Drunks who mind their own business and make no disorder are not to be arrested in public places hereafter, Mayor Polkwell Marlett, said to the Chief of Police today this morning after an animated discussion of what the police are supposed to do in such cases. The mayor claims that only the disorderly drunks should be taken to the lockup. Those who tend strictly to their own affairs and do not become annoying are to be left alone.

Otherwise, it has been a custom of long-standing to arrest any drunk providing his degree of intoxication does not permit him to navigate in a straight line.

Chief of Police Rottler declared that he had been placed in a false light by a local newspaper in regard to his stand in the matter of witness.

"I did not say that witnesses are not necessary," the chief explained. "What I did say, and I stand by the contention, is that when a prisoner is visibly intoxicated, and is seen in that condition by the officer making the arrest, the officer's testimony is sufficient to convict, without calling other witnesses. The statement that I oppose the calling of witnesses against prisoners is false."

Another jail sentence was imposed by the mayor this morning when he directed that commitment papers be made out for Samuel W. Trump, arrested for disorderly conduct at his home on Second street, at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, on complaint of his wife. He will be kept there.

The United States Steel Corporation's method of providing for the safety, health and welfare of their employees in and about coal mining operations will be accurately and interestingly illustrated by the use of motion pictures and lantern slides, accompanied by brief explanations by a lecturer, at the Soisson Theatre Friday evening, February 26, at 8 o'clock. The safety pictures were taken originally for the purpose of instructing workmen how to perform their work in the safest manner, and will be of particular value in an educational way to all who are interested in the safety and welfare of those employed in the principal industry of this community.

For the number of years the H. C. Frick Coke Company, in Westmoreland and Fayette counties, Pennsylvania, and its allied coal and coke companies, operating in the states of West Virginia, Illinois and Indiana, have been waging a vigorous safety and efficiency campaign. In the early stages of the campaign the safety devices, methods and system employed by the H. C. Frick Coke Company attracted the attention of the American Museum of Safety, New York City, and Dr. W. D. Tolman, director of the same, at the time the American Museum of Safety was the only safety organization in the United States, and Doctor Tolman was then, he is now, the leading safety expert in the United States.

Later Doctor Tolman requested the H. C. Frick Coke Company to make a safety exhibit at the International Exposition of Accident Prevention, held in Dresden several years ago, which the Frick company did, and which was opened to the public.

At the H. C. Frick Coke Company, in the United States, the president was Michael Pollock, and the general manager was Charles Elger. The greatest difficulty that Mr. Pollock could overcome was that of the employees that he was for their own use and was not just at this time, in the early days of the Somers System, to give up the raising of sons.

The supper was unusually good. It was prepared and served by the ladies auxiliary of the association.

"Captain Jack" will close the week.

Dr. Charles E. Barker concluded his visit here with his talk to fathers and sons at the "Father and Son" supper in the Y. M. C. A. building last night. He left for Pittsburgh this morning. After giving some interesting sidelights on the life of "Captain Jack" he returned to the Somers System.

The News of Nearby Towns.

MEYERSDALE.

MEYERSDALE, Feb. 14.—Rev. S. W. Davis of Uniontown, who has been spending several days here, left for his home last evening. Reverend Davis was the first pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal Church when it was established in Meyersdale about 49 years ago.

For the past several Sunday mornings Rev. G. A. Nold, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been preaching sermons based upon the biography of some prominent man. Tomorrow morning his subject will be "The Life of Abraham Lincoln."

The Civic League has reorganized for the year 1914 by the election of the following officers: Miss Jessie McKinley, president; Mrs. Clarence Howe, vice president; Mrs. Bruce Lighty, treasurer; Mr. W. S. Livingood, recording.

Parents of the will be observed in the local public schools next Friday between the hours of 3 A. M. and 4 P. M. Light refreshments will be served on each floor of the high school building between the hours of 3 and 4 P. M. by the members of the Parent-Teachers Association. All friends and patrons of the public schools are invited.

Charles Shumaker, who has been working in the Holden plumbing establishment, has gone to Johnstown to spend several weeks.

Word has been received here of the sudden death of David Bradner Bayless, which occurred at Sainte Marie, Ontario, a few days ago. Deceased was the husband of Miss Anna T. Hocking, daughter of the late Nicholas Hocking and was a native of Meyersdale. With her little son, John Hocking Bayless, Mrs. Bayless will come to this place to reside after the settling of her husband's estate.

W. H. Doster of this place, and Charles Flanagan of Easton, left yesterday for the south to look up lumber tracks. They expect to be away several weeks.

The surveying for the state road to Johnstown one mile in the direction of Westfield is completed, and as soon as the weather opens work will be started.

MEYERSDALE, Feb. 12.—William H. Hall, more than a quarter of a century ago, well known and popular resident of this place, now located at Somersett, N. Y., where he is extensively engaged in the oil trade, with branch warehouses in all the important cities in the United States, dropped into town yesterday morning and spent the day pleasantly in hunting up his former friends, who were indeed glad to meet and greet him. He came here from Bellfont and left on No. 514 last evening for Pittsburgh, where he expected to spend several days on business prior to leaving for his home in Syracuse.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. T. Stratton left yesterday for Connellsville, Dunbar, Scranton and other points in the coke region, where they will spend several days visiting relatives and friends.

Harry Mitchell of Dunbar, is here to spend a few weeks with relatives and friends.

The Brooklyn Athletic Club of this place went over to Mount Savage, Md., last evening and trounced the Tennessee Athlete Club, basketball team of the Western Maryland League, to the tune of 50 to 34. Brooklyn with 20 minus points, and Mountaineer 26 minus, defeated the St. John team of Scranton, 26 to 24. The two leading teams are 3 on the floor at home, then 2 on the floor for the first.

B. A. K. French of Ardmore, Ky., is here to visit for some time with friends.

N. R. Kyles of W. Pitt, superintendent of the Weller Brewing Company, came yesterday and today in Meyersdale and engaged business on business.

W. A. Bissell of Somersett, was the guest of relatives and friends here yesterday.

W. M. Wadsworth of Cumberland, was here on business yesterday.

A. Holden left yesterday for Cincinnati to spend some time with his brother, G. A. Holden, who will also at Oakland, Md., on his return home.

Mrs. P. P. Hauges of Brookwood, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon W. Bittner of Lincoln avenue.

Miss Jessie Rose of Pittsburgh, is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Mary Rose of the South Side.

Miss Nellie Bittner spent the fore part of the week with friends at the home of her parents.

W. H. Held of Mitchell of Garrett, was in town on business in town yesterday.

I encourage those who advertise.

GUARD THE KIDNEYS

Millions Die of Kidney Disease; Tens of thousands Have It Right Now and Never Suspect It.

The surest and safest plan to all is to keep the kidneys healthy and from noxious matter that tends to get it, disease, dropsy and other serious diseases is to take a few doses of Thompson's Baroum, every three months.

It is a harmless vegetable remedy in liquid form, is quickly assimilated and gets to the work kidneys at once. If your kidneys are weak, fatigued or sluggish up Thompson's Baroum will put them in splendid shape again. If they are not, do not eat this greatest of all kidney remedies will tone up your system at once.

Dr. C. W. Thompson, Connellsville, W. Va., and A. E. & Company, St. Louis, sell Thompson's Baroum for 50 cents the 16 oz. bottle on money back. If often takes but a few drops, the sharp, shrill, piping and all the other, finer or blander disease. It cures, too, with the Thompson's Baroum, always. Thompson's Baroum and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, when combined, are present in Thompson's Medicine. Price, 50c. per Ady.

Coal Company Resumes. The Adj. Coal Company of Port Pitt has resumed operation after an absence of several years on account of the market for coal being so low that it was impossible to abandon operations several years ago.

ROCKWOOD.

ROCKWOOD, Feb. 14.—Traffic on the Somerset & Gauley Canal was blanketed for several hours this morning owing to a bad ice collision of two freight trains near Shamrock station. No one was injured but a number of coal cars were piled up.

The musical concert given by the Rockwood Band at the Rockwood Theatre on Friday evening was liberally patronized by Rockwood citizens.

Dr. C. H. Ridderup has been compelled to close his dental parlors for several days on account of an injured eye.

The young ladies of the United Evangelical Church held a box social in the Supper room on Market street on Thursday which was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all present.

A. Ketchum of Black township, who has been ill for several days past with congestion of the lungs, was received at the Johnstown Memorial Hospital where he will receive special treatment.

ROCKWOOD, Feb. 12.—William Holtzhoer, who has been staying with his brother, George, at Rockwood for the past year, died on Wednesday evening, after a short illness of only two days. Last fall Mr. Holtzhoer was struck by a Baltimore & Ohio engine at the Bridge street crossing while delivering meat. The wagon in which he was riding being demolished, and he was thrown several feet against an embankment, and at that time no hope for his recovery was entertained. It is the opinion that his death was caused from the result of the accident.

Miss Edna Adams of Somerset, is the guest of Miss Florence Duff and other Rockwood residents this week.

Mrs. Minnie Horner of Johnstown is the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Otto of Rockwood for several days.

The state surveyors for the new strip of one mile of state road north of Rockwood along Coal Creek, are at work on the proposed highway and it is expected that early spring will see a large force of men on the road.

Rev. W. A. McCallum, pastor of the Rockwood Reformed Church, and David Pittman attended the Reformed mission conference held at Somerset on Thursday of this week, together with a large number of ministers from other Reformed congregations in the county.

Jacob Philipp of Kingwood, West of Rockwood, was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday while at his work. He was at once removed to the home of a friend and a physician summoned and the condition is reported as critical.

Calvin Werner of Meyersdale, spent the early part of the week in Rockwood, where he met old acquaintances. Mr. Werner was formerly a Baltimore & Ohio engineer working out of Rockwood.

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Rev. Hopkins returned home from having spent several days attending the Billy Sunday meetings in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Little, have returned home, after having visited their daughter, Mrs. Henry Boyd, and their sons, Scott and Jessie Little, in Pittsburgh this week.

Clyde Reid is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Reid.

John Snyder and William West, former residents of this place, have been the guests of friends in town this week for several days.

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EQUITABLE ASSESSMENT.

The Somers system of assessing real estate is based upon mathematical ratios but it is admitted that the ratios are necessarily flexible. The system only attempts to value the land, to which the value of improvements must be added. This adds still more to the opportunities for departing from the ratio.

Upon the whole, the Somers system is probably an improvement over present methods of assessment but there is just as much room for appeals under it as there is under the present system.

What Connellsville wants is not a constant in case to market values but a steady upward or downward trend.

EQUITABLE ASSESSMENT.

Real estate used on ANKERS MOUNTAIN VALLEY AS COMMONLY ASSESSED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

The Somers system may provide the

UNIT OF VALUE for the county

but not the RATIO OF VALUE.

This method only will Connellsville use an EQUITABLE ASSESSMENT and it may well be an AMBLE ASSESSMENT.

THE DEMOCRATIC SLATE.

The Daily Courier News says the

Democrats of Washington and Fayette counties of Pennsylvania will be in a minority in the state legislature.

According to the story

it is hard to prove that it is an

error in that William Taft is not

the man who was voted for Secretary of State. After he was nominated

for Lieutenant Governor

and the Senator and Governor

and went out the door

it is hard to prove that Roosevelt

has not been elected to the

Senate.

During freezing weather the

representatives of each community have

tried to get the best for

the people in the town.

Everyone is reported

to be in a better mood

than the last time.

The News intimates that there is a

difference in issues. Just the same

they are all to see and the Democrat

attempt to make fish out of one and

two of the other only provokes

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The boys and girls of 18 and 20 are

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The Valiants of Virginia

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CHAPTER XVII.

Beyond the Box-Hedge.

As he greeted her, his gaze plunged deep into hers. She had receded a step, startled, to recognize him almost instantly. He noted the shrinking and thought it due to a stabbing memory of that forest horror. His first words were prosaic enough:

"I am an unconscionable trespasser," he said. "It must seem awfully prowling, but I didn't realize you was on private property till I passed the hedge there."

As her hand lay in his, a strange stir stirred in him. In that woodland she had seemed something which like, the wild-spirit of the pale, delicate spring herself, mixed of her mortal essence and jungle wildness. In this scented dim light she was gray-eyed, subdued, a paler pen-like woman of under half-guessed sadness and haunting moods. With her answer, however, this gravity seemed to slip from her like a garment. She flushed lightly.

"I love to prowl myself. I think it intimates I like the night better than the day. I believe in one of my incarnations I must have been a panther."

They both laughed. "I'm growing superstitious about flowers," he said. "You know a rose figured in our first meeting. And in our last—"

She shrank momentarily. "The cape jessamine! I shall always think of that when I see them!"

"Ah, forgive me!" he begged. "But when I remember what you did for me—oh, I know! But for you, I must have died."

"Put for me you wouldn't have been bitten. But don't let's talk of it" he answered and leant.

"You are cold," he said. "Jane that is even colder than this night air."

"No, I often walk here till quite late, listen."

The bird song had broken forth again to be answered this time by a bird in a distant thicket. "My, my, it's in your voice."

"I'm glad you like it. I won't say it's a good voice. Why it sings like that?"

"I suppose it's nature, I suppose it's education, I suppose it's chance. It's all a mystery."

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It was frowning. I know that would have hurt him. One thing I've wanted to say to you, ever since the day we talked together—about the durl I want to say that whatever lay behind it, my father's whole life was darkened by that event. Now that I can get two and two together, I know that it was the cause of his sadness. "Ah, I can believe that she reprieved him, like a live thing; then it would waverously fade and elude him, though he clenched his hands on the arms of his chair in the fierce mental effort to recall it. Only the intense blue of her eyes, the tawny sweep of her hair—these and the touch of her consciousness of her warmth and vivid fragrance, remained to wrap all his senses in a mist woven of gold and fire.

"I think he had only two interests—myself and the corporation. So you see why I'd rather save that and be a beggar the rest of my natural life. But I'm not a beggar. Damory Court alone is worth—I know it now—a hundred times what I left."

"You are so utterly different from what I imagined you!"

"I could never have imagined you," he said, "never."

"I must be terribly outworn."

"You are so many women in one. When I listened to your harp playing I could hardly believe it was the same you I saw galloping across the fields that morning. Now you are a different woman from both of those."

As she looked at him, her lips curled corner-wise, her foot slipped on the floor.

"You go tuh bald, honey. I stay with Miss Judith till she go tuh sleep."

"Yes, go, Shirley," said her mother. "Haven't I any privileges at all? Can't I even faint when I feel like it, without calling out the fire-brigade? You'll pamper me to death and heaven knows I don't need it."

"You won't let me telephone for Doctor Southall?"

"Certainly not!"

"And you are sure it was nothing but the roses?"

"Why, what else should it be?" said her mother almost pitiably. "I must really have the arbores blotted out. On heavy nights it's positively overpowering. Go along now, and we'll talk about it tomorrow. I can ring if I want anything."

In her room Shirley undressed thoughtfully. There was between her and her mother a fine tenuous bond of sympathy and feeling as rare, perhaps, as it was lovely. She could not remember when the other had not been a semi-invalid, and her earliest childhood recollections were punctuated with the tap of the little cane. Tonight's sudden inspiration had shocked and disturbed her; to faint at a rush of perfume seemed to suggest a growing weakness that was alarming. Tomorrow, she told herself, she would send Ranson with a wagon-load of the roses to the hospital at Charlottesville.

She slipped on a pink shell-shaded dressing-gown of silken silk with a riot of azaleas scattered in the weave, and then, dragging her chair before the open window, drew aside the light curtain and began to brush her hair. All at once her gaze fell upon the door, and she shrank backward from a twisting thread like thing whose bright saffron-yellow glowed sharply against the dark carpet. She saw in an instant, however, that it was nothing more dangerous than a fragment of love-vine from the garden, which had clung to her skirt. She picked up the tiny mass of tendrils and with a slow smile tossed it over her right shoulder through the window. "If it takes root," she said aloud, "my sweet heart loves me." She leaned from the sill to peer down into the misty garden, but could not follow its fall.

Long ago her visitor would have reached Damory Court. She had a vision of him wandering, candle in hand, through the empty echoing rooms, looking at the voiceless portraits on the walls, thinking perhaps of his father, of the fatal duel of which he had never known. She liked the way he had spoken of his father!

As she leaned out of the stillness there came to her ear a mellow sound. It was the bell of the courthouse in the village. She counted the strokes falling clearly or faintly as the sluggish breeze ebbed or swelled. It was in the doorway behind them. John Valiant sprang to his feet.

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